NWT ARTISTS PUT ON A GREAT SHOW IN THE YUKON

As part of the efforts to raise the profile of all three territories, the Northwest Territories, Nunavut and Yukon partnered at the Canada Winter Games in Whitehorse in the Yukon at a Cultural Festival.

Eight visual artists and seventeen performance artists from the Northwest Territories traveled to Whitehorse and contributed enthusiastically to the Cultural Festival from February 28 to March 6, 2007.

At the festival visual artists publicly demonstrated their crafts to thousands of visitors while their pieces were showcased and sold at the onsite gallery, in fact some of the artists almost sold out on the first day.

Derrald Taylor of Tuktoyuktuk, Lillian Wright of Fort McPherson, Jane Dragon of Fort Smith, Antoine Mountain of Yellowknife, Janet Grandjambe of Fort Good Hope, Julia Pokiak of Hay River, Mary Okheena of Ulukhaktok and Karen Kotchea of Fort Liard proudly comprised the NWT visual artists delegation and were representative of all five regions. Their artistic endeavors ranged from soapstone carving, print making, and painting to traditional fine crafts such as beading and birch bark basketry.

While the visual artists demonstrated, the performance artists entertained on the main stage of the festival tent, at the televised opening and closing ceremonies and throughout the festival.

Performance artists were Pat Braden, Aaron Hernandez, Gerald Antoine, Lee Mandeville, George Mandeville and Nobert Poitras of Yellowknife, Craig Menacho of Tulita, Tim Lennie and Joseph Nayally of Wrigley, Ricky Gargan of Fort Providence, Jim Antoine of Fort Simpson, Karen Zauden of Fort Smith and Debbie Gordon-Ruben, Michael (Nolan) Green, Colton Gordon-Ruben, Kourtney Ruben and Keith Felix of Paulatuk.

The artists were a resounding success and did an exceptional job representing the diverse cultures, region and talents of our territory.

For more information about the Canada Winter Games please visit www.2007canadagames.ca

NORTHERN FASHION DESIGNERS MESH CULTURE AND FASHION

Two talented women from the Northwest Territories showcased their brilliant clothing designs this past March at Toronto's L'Oreal Fashion Week. Yellowknife resident Georgina Franki and Rae-Edzo born Berna Beaulieu both amazed fashion week attendees with an elegant blending of traditional Aboriginal heritage and contemporary fashions.

For more information check out:
www.canada.com/topics/lifestyle/fashionweek/galleries/fwfw07/

We want to hear from you!

If you hear about any upcoming events or celebrations suited for this newsletter, or if you are a Northern Artist who is interested in being showcased in our Featured Artist section...

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Visit our website: www. arts.com

www.nwtarts.com

If you are an NWT Artist interested in participating in this new online directory contact:

Coordinator, Arts and Fine Crafts at: (867) 873-7203,
Visit the website or e-mail:
nwtarts@gov.nt.ca

GNWT PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

This newsletter is created by the Government of the Northwest Territories and is designed to help the NWT arts community stay up to date with the current "happenings" in the industry.

There are two GNWT departments that have shared interests in supporting the arts – Industry, Tourism and Investment (ITI) and Education Culture and Employment (ECE). ECE supports the creative aspects of the arts, while ITI's primary role is helping the business side of arts and fine crafts. At times, it is difficult to clearly distinguish these roles.

ECE's Role in Supporting NWT Arts

Since 1985, ECE has supported the NWT Arts Council as it strives to stimulate and promote northern art. The Council's role is to provide recommendations to the Minister of ECE regarding financial awards and workshops. If you would like to apply for funding, please consult the Arts Council website for an application at:

http://pwnhc.learnnet.nt.ca/artscouncil.htm

ECE also has a Support to Northern Performers' Program designed to aid in the development and promotion of performing arts and artists in the NWT at local and regional public festivals and events.

Consult the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre website at: www.pwnhc.learnnet.nt.ca/programs/comm.htm

ITI's Role in Supporting NWT Arts

ITI recognizes the importance of tradition and the economic potential of the NWT arts and fine crafts industry. ITI's support is provided through the Business Development Fund and Grants to Small Business program. ITI also supports marketing and promotional efforts nationally and internationally by bringing awareness to the importance and value of traditional art and fine crafts in the NWT.

http://www.iti.gov.nt.ca/tea/artscrafts.htm

To find out about financial assistance...

Contact your regional office:

ITI	ECE
Dehcho: (867) 695-7500	**Dehcho:** (867) 695-7338
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North Slave: (867) 920-8967	**North Slave:** (867) 766-5100
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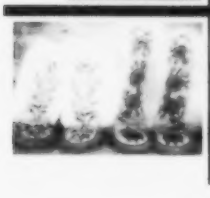

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Northwest Territories

Expression of the Arts – a vital link to our culture and history

UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

NACC Festival of Stories

The Northern Arts and Cultural Centre (NACC) will host the 3rd annual festival of stories in celebration of spoken word. This is a family event filled with words and laughter, music and dance.

When: June 1-2, 2007
Where: Yellowknife, NT
Phone: (867) 766-610

Music in the Park

The City of Yellowknife, Spiritwalker Productions and CJCD present the 6th annual Music in the Park competition. Come out for some great entertainment at Somba K'e park.

When: June 8 and 15, 2007
Where: Yellowknife, NT
Phone: (867) 920-5676

Yellowknife Summer Solstice Festival

Once again the glorious summer days of the North are emerging and the brilliant sunshine gives us a great reason to celebrate! The Summer Solstice Festival is the perfect opportunity to reflect and enjoy music, culture and community spirit that Yellowknife has to offer.

When: June 19-20, 2007
Where: Yellowknife, NT
Website: www.solsticefestival.ca

Open Sky Festival

Join the town of Fort Simpson in their annual celebration of the vibrant arts below the treeline! Featuring an outdoor concert, Dene arts and crafts exhibits, demonstrations, workshops, theatre, dance and even sports events this event has an attraction to appeal to everyone.

When: July 1-2, 2007
Where: Fort Simpson, NT
Phone: (867) 695-3005
Website: www.openskyfestival.ca

Crazy Legs Summer Workshop

Crazy Legs Contemporary Dance is offering their 3rd annual summer school. This opportunity is open to anyone above the ages of 15 with a love of movement and willingness to experiment! Participants will explore dance technique, conditioning, improvisation and theatre working their way towards a final performance to showcase their achievements.

When: July 9-15, 2007
Where: Yellowknife, NT
Phone: (867) 873-4491

TASSS Summer Workshops

The Artists of the South Slave Society (TASSS) will be offering a wide array of workshops throughout the summer months in Fort Smith. For those interested mark your calendars!

Caribou Tufting: July 7-8, 2007
Silver Jewelry: July 14-15, 2007
Moccasin Making: July 19-22, 2007
Willow Basketry: August 18, 2007
Burden Baskets: August 19, 2007

For more information email: dewolfe@northwestel.net

Folk on the Rocks

Folk on the Rocks has become one of Canada's top summer time music and cultural events drawing talent from throughout the North, Canada and the world. Held on the sandy shores of Long Lake in Yellowknife, this year's line up includes Sarah Harmer, The Sadies, and bluegrass band Hungry Hill. This year's festival celebrates one of the greatest Canadian outdoor music festivals so come out and be a part of this uniquely Northern experience!

When: July 13-15, 2007
Where: Yellowknife, NT
Phone: (867) 920-7806
Website: www.folkontherocks.ca

Great Northern Arts Festival

Experience the gathering of over 100 artists from throughout the North representing Nunavut, NWT and the Yukon Territory with their unique artistic expressions. This ten day festival is the largest visual arts display in the North and also includes musicians and dancing, along with public workshops and demonstrations. Join us for this spectacular celebration of Northern arts and culture!

When: July 20-29, 2007
Where: Inuvik, NT
Phone: (867) 777-3536
Website: www.gnaf.com

End of the Road Music Festival

Follow the Dempster Highway to the end of the road where the festivities begin! The town of Inuvik will host its annual celebration of music for the 4th year with a wide variety of performers from the North and beyond.

When: July 20-29, 2007
Where: Inuvik, NT
Email: eotr_musicfestival@yahoo.ca
Website: www.eotrmusic.ca

South Slave Friendship Festival

The South Slave Friendship Festival is a great opportunity for people of all walks of life to visit Fort Smith. A vibrant festival jam packed with music ranging from traditional tunes to folk, country and even rock! Also a great time to enjoy the town's friendly atmosphere and beautiful parks.

When: August 18-21, 2007
Where: Fort Smith, NT
Phone: (867) 872-2019
Website: www.town.fort-smith.nt.ca

Klondike Institute of Art and Culture School of Visual Arts

The KIAC School of Visual Arts is offering an exciting new accredited visual arts program. Upon completion of this foundation year students will be able to transfer directly into a number of Canada's top art colleges. For more information phone (867) 993-6390 or visit: www.yukoncollege.yk.ca.

Summer Exhibition at the Northern Frontiers Visitor's Centre

From June 16 to August 31, 2007 there will be a summer exhibition of various artists' works on display at the Northern Frontiers Visitor's Centre.

For more information phone (867) 920-3839.